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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to barely steady with mediums in the weakest position. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were mixed, ranging from adequate to instances burdensome. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to ample for the light to fairly good demand. Breaking schedules were normal to heavy. Light type hens were adequate to at least adequate for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent lower for medium and small. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with mediums and smalls in the weaker position. Retail demand ranged light to at times fairly good, but was mostly moderate. Loose egg sales were usually moderate. Floor stocks were fully adequate to at times ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	61-70	65-67	LARGE	44-51	46
LARGE	61-69	63-66	MEDIUM	25-29	27
MEDIUM	46-52	49-51	SMALL	14-16	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly lower on the medium eggs. Trade sentiment was noted as generally steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to readily available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for normal to heavy breaking schedules. Demand was reported as fair to fairly good. Spent hens were adequate to at least adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68-82	68-72
LARGE	62-76	67-71
MEDIUM	47-60	52-54

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good in areas with feature activity. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Floor stocks were balanced to to at times fully adequate. Schedules were full-time to extended. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72.5-81	74-77
LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
MEDIUM	52.5-61	54-57

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged for larger sizes and lower on mediums. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to fairly good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate to occasionally ample with the lighter weights in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Offerings of spent hens were sufficient to at least adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66.25-76	70-73
LARGE	62.25-74	68-71
MEDIUM	49.5-57	50-54

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was generally steady on larger sizes, however barely steady on lighter weights entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best where features were planned or in progress for next week. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	76-80
LARGE	74-78
MEDIUM	56-60

**CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were mixed, larger sizes were adequate, lighter weights were fully adequate to burdensome.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-75	69-71
LARGE	66-74	67-70
MEDIUM	51-60	54-56

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**WESTERN REGION EGG** Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady on the large sizes, weak on medium, with asking prices for next week throughout the region unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand light to moderate, best where features in progress. Offerings adequate to ample.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady on the large sizes, weak on the lighter weights with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand light to moderate, best where features ran. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 65. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 99; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 87, buy 1 get 1 free, 20 pack 179-228, 2 for \$3, 2 for \$4.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	109
LARGE	101
MEDIUM	85

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	92-107
EXTRA LARGE	90-97
LARGE	88-91
MEDIUM	72-75

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-349
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	199-205

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate for heavier weighted breaking stock and fully adequate to ample for lighter product with discounting noted on lighter weights. Demand was light to moderate as many processors worked longer hours to clear current inventories. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	46-48	48
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	33-39	33-35
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Floor stocks were adequate for current week's normal to heavy breaking schedules. Offerings were reported as adequate to fully adequate with increased availability of light weight breaking stock being reported. However, overall demand remained fair to fairly good. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29 May 2004 were 7% less than the previous week, but 4% more than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	44-48	45-47
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	30-37	31-35
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 29-May-04**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,270,374	29,043	12,976	6,965	3,293	4,358
PW	1,267,025	29,858	11,925	6,696	3,009	4,145
LY	1,085,855	27,488	9,555	5,427	2,293	3,751
% CHG PW	0	-3	9	4	9	5
% CHG LY	17	6	36	28	44	16
2004	25,261,627	598,138	243,258	135,101	56,846	87,368
2003	23,646,924	578,338	214,649	118,432	47,487	86,817
% CHG YTD	7	3	13	14	20	1
	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK		LAST YEAR	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.99		41.53		42.57	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.56		38.26		39.11	

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 42 to 48 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg, weak for whites with yolk steady with a firm undertone. Many processors concentrated on separated liquid product as sales for liquid yolk were good to very good. Demand for whites were fairly good with whole egg demand reported as fair to instances good and centered around contractual arrangements. Offerings were adequate for all products. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	9	43-45	44.33	.33
WHITES	19	53-57	55.16	-4.44
YOLKS	10	45-48.5	47.05	.14

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were unchanged on sugar yolk but usually lower on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to improved on yolks, about steady to steady on whole, and unsettled to soft on whites. Demand was fair with a few additional orders being placed. Offerings were close on yolks, usually sufficient on whole, and at least adequate on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29 May 2004 were 10% more than the previous week, and unchanged when compared to last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	55-61	56-59	63-67
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		70-90
WHITES	73-88	75-81	80-94
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-63	59-62	66-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-61	57-60	63-68

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged with whites sharply lower and sugared and salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg, weak for whites, with frozen yolk products steady with a firm undertone. Demand was good to very good for sugared and salted yolk and moderate on the balance. Offerings were adequate with frozen yolk availability hindered by current liquid yolk pull. Breaking stock prices were unchanged compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	57-59	
WHITES	73-79	77-79
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-63	61
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-61	58

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 1 cent lower on whole, 5 cents lower on whites, and unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/29 was 7% less than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample. Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	62-65
WHITES	80-83
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-67

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Majority prices were unchanged on yolks, unchanged to lower on blends, and lower on whole and albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate, although most buyers continue to wait and watch further market developments. Overall, trade sentiment on yolks was generally steady with some improvement reported, irregular on whole, and unsettled to weak on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 29 May 2004 were 9% more than the previous week, and 44% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 20% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	2.19-2.75	MOSTLY 2.30-2.41
YOLKS	1.40-1.70	MOSTLY 1.45-1.55
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.85-6.60	MOSTLY 6.10-6.32
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.55-2.00	MOSTLY 1.65-1.75

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 28, 2004-JUNE 03, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 64.25								FUTURE LOADS 53.75								TOTAL LOADS 118.00							
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW													
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	49.50	53.30	47.75	49.00	—	55.33	10.00	GNR W 1	51.00	54.44	—	—	—	—	4.50	GNR W 1	51.00	54.44	—	—	—	—	4.50
GL W J	—	—	66.50	67.50	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	70.00	—	63.58	10.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	70.00	—	63.58	10.00
GL W XL	—	62.64	59.20	62.16	55.39	59.23	35.50	GL W LG	—	65.19	—	68.00	—	62.86	17.00	GL W LG	—	65.19	—	68.00	—	62.86	17.00
GL W LG	—	59.90	55.50	57.33	53.78	58.32	35.75	GL W MD	—	45.00	—	—	—	45.60	9.25	GL W MD	—	45.00	—	—	—	45.60	9.25
GL W MD	41.00	—	38.00	39.75	35.75	39.73	19.75	GL W SM	—	—	34.50	35.00	—	36.00	2.00	GL W SM	—	—	34.50	35.00	—	36.00	2.00
GL W SM	33.83	36.17	32.00	34.33	—	—	6.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	48.00	6.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	50.00	48.75	33.50																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	1.00																
NRBS - 39	32.00	—	—	—	30.00	36.22	9.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS  
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER  
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to least moderate. Offerings of spent hens were adequate to at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 0-12 9-10.5

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Sales of finished product were fair. Schedules were reduced. Opinions of value were expected to remain constant.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings of spent hens were tight to adequate with demand mostly good. Alternative users of spent fowl were finding additional birds hard to procure. Trade sentiment steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 5-10.5 5-6

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked lighter holiday schedules. Offerings adequate.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	70.00	69.00	53.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	52.00
MIDWEST	66.00	64.50	50.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	75.50	71.50	55.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	70.99	68.76	52.78

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Sales were too few to report on heavy canners. Light canners were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for lights; mostly fair for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings of light canners were sufficient. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

26-32 MAJORITY 26.5-28

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

27-33 MAJORITY 29-29.5

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 29-May-04  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,403	1,382	2,785
LAST WEEK	1,472	1,365	2,837
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,369	1,217	2,586
TO-DATE/2004	27,670	26,920	54,590
TO-DATE/2003	35,509	27,926	63,435

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	169	8	177
LAST WEEK	334	8	342
SAME WEEK YR AGO	58	0	58
TO-DATE/2004	5,022	69	5,091
TO-DATE/2003	5,364	64	5,428

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,572	1,390	2,962
LAST WEEK	1,806	1,373	3,179
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,427	1,217	2,644
TO-DATE/2004	32,692	26,989	59,681
TO-DATE/2003	40,873	27,990	68,863

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 22, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	273	463	3,334	5,678
FROZEN	0	0	0	63
DRIED	0	41	238	217
TOTAL	273	504	3,572	5,958

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 22, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	354	106	1,894	2,032
FROZEN	14	42	630	1,362
DRIED	40	80	1,259	560
TOTAL	408	228	3,783	3,954

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 22, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
JUMBO	30	15	146	181
EXTRA LARGE	780	1,040	11,027	6,000
LARGE	3,960	3,685	29,933	27,316
MEDIUM	1,560	750	26,220	23,032
UNGRADED	8,937	0	105,572	20,046
MISC	2,430	0	12,044	3,432
TOTAL	17,697	5,490	184,942	80,007

/1Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)****SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 06/01/04	3,471	196,039	50,785
AM 05/01/04	3,195	183,458	41,759
CHG	276	12581	9026
PCT CHG	9%	7%	22%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of April 30, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on June 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	23 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	686 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	657 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

June 01, 2004

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	120	115	90	63
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	113-117	108-112	83-87	57-61
MOSTLY	115-116	110-111	85-86	59-60
RHODE ISLAND	119-123	114-118	86-90	60-64
MOSTLY	119	114	86	60
VERMONT	120-123	115-118	90-93	-
MOSTLY	123	118	93	-

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 29-May-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	22.5	25.3	-11 4
BOSTON	3.2	3.2	0 -14
CHICAGO	54.9	56.2	-2 -2
DETROIT	25.6	27.7	-8 15
KANSAS CITY	6.5	9.3	-30 91
LOS ANGELES	94.6	101.0	-6 18
NEW ORLEANS	6.2	6.4	-3 -48
NEW YORK	30.6	31.1	-2 -5
ST. LOUIS	15.9	16.9	-6 1
SAN FRANCISCO	19.9	18.8	6 -10
TOTAL	279.9	295.9	-5 4
4 WK MVG AVG	292.0		

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 29-May-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.2	3 9
E.N. CENTRAL	546.3	-3 2
W.N. CENTRAL	278.4	-4 -5
S. ATLANTIC	202.8	8 4
S. CENTRAL	68.0	7 -3
WEST	181.9	1 1
TOTAL	1502.6	0 1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85 85

**AREAS COVERED:**

NORTH ATLANTIC (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

EAST NORTH CENTRAL (WI, IL,MI,OH,IN)

WEST NORTH CENTRAL (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

SOUTH ATLANTIC (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

SOUTH CENTRAL(TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

WEST (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**EGG PRODUCTS****Shell Eggs Broken Up 10 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 160 million dozen during April 2004, up 10 percent from April a year ago.

April 2004 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, compared the same as April 2003.

During calendar year 2004, shell eggs broken totaled 608 million dozen, up 6 percent from the 573 million dozen broken in 2003. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2004 was 781 million pounds, up 7 percent from 2003.

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